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Definition of *entice*

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: to attract artfully or adroitly or by arousing hope or desire : [tempt](#)

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Synonyms for *entice*

Synonyms

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- [bait](#),
- [beguile](#),
- [betray](#),
- [decoy](#),
- [lead on](#),
- [lure](#),
- [seduce](#),
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Choose the Right Synonym for *entice*

[lure](#), [entice](#), [inveigle](#), [decoy](#), [tempt](#), [seduce](#) mean to lead astray from one's true course. [lure](#) implies a drawing into danger, evil, or difficulty through attracting and deceiving. *lured* naive investors with get-rich-quick schemes [entice](#) suggests drawing by artful or adroit means. advertising designed to *entice* new customers [inveigle](#) implies enticing by cajoling or flattering. fund-raisers *inveigling* wealthy alumni [decoy](#) implies a luring into entrapment by artifice. attempting to *decoy* the enemy into an ambush [tempt](#) implies the presenting of an attraction so strong that it overcomes the restraints of conscience or better judgment. *tempted* by the offer of money [seduce](#) implies a leading astray by persuasion or false promises. *seduced* by assurances of assistance

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First Known Use of *entice*

14th century, in the meaning defined [above](#)

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: to attract (someone) especially by offering or showing something that is appealing, interesting, etc.

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